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Public Service Commission
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Dear Representative:

I do appreciate all the electricity and natural gas I use. However, I do not agree with the proposed rate hike of S.C. Electric and Gas. The reasons are obvious:

- Too much rate increase
- The economy
- Seniors on fixed incomes with no cost-of-living increases
- High salaries for S.C. Electric and Gas top executives
- Pleasurable amenities for employees plus SCANA.

Please consider some internal cuts and "belt-tightening" before adding to the cost for consumers. SCE and G has no competition, and we have no other choice other than what I did which was kept my thermostat at 63° all winter and layered clothes.

I ask you to consider the rate increase from the humane side, as well as the business side. My pro-rated monthly amount went from \$151.00 in January 2009 to \$196.00 in January 2010, quite a hefty jump for a well-built, insulated home.

Thank you for giving this matter very serious consideration. There are a lot of elderly as well as young families who will not be able to write you or take the time to do so. I speak for them as well as myself.

Sincerely,
Carolyn Power